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| Safety of Children | | Agency/Program #: 6901-03-G3 |
| | | Division: Child and Family Services |
| | | Program: Safety |
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Program or Project Description:

The Child and Family Services Division is mandated by both state and federal laws to provide protective services to children who are abused, neglected, or abandoned. This includes receiving and investigating reports of child abuse and neglect and helping families to stay together or reunite, and finding placements in foster or kinship homes.

LFD Note: The following appropriation data is the budget for the division. There are not separate appropriations for the categories of safety, well being and permanency of children.

| Appropriation, Expenditure and Source | | | | |
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| Fund Name: | 2008 | | 2009 | |
| | Approp. | Expended | Approp. | Expended |
| General Fund | 31,641,073 | 24,373,351 | 33,680,859 | |
| State Special | 2,797,452 | 2,004,217 | 2,583,376 | |
| Federal Funds | 30,921,890 | 20,471,955 | 31,475,257 | |
| Total: | \$65,360,415 | \$46,849,523 | \$67,739,492 | \$0 |

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2007

Legislative Goal(s):

The goal is ensuring that children are safe. The Child and Family Services Division will improve the timeliness of initiating investigations. Child Protective Services Workers are required to initiate investigations on all CPS reports within 14 days of receiving the report. The Child Protective Services Worker must make face-to-face contact with alleged victim.

Legislative Performance Measures :

Timeliness of initiating investigations will improve 10% by the end of FY 2009 from the established baseline data of 54.2%.

Progress in meeting this goal will be measured by manually reviewing 75 case files for compliance every six months.

| 2009 Biennium Significant Milestones: | | Completion Dates | |
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| | | Target | Actual |
| 1 | Documentation of diligent efforts to achieve timeliness of adoption improved 5 % over the baseline of 54.2%. | 6/30/2008 | 4/15/2008 |
| 2 | Documentation of diligent efforts to achieve timeliness of adoption improved 10.0% over the baseline of 54.2%. | 6/30/2009 | |
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Agency Performance Report:

This report is based on the latest data collection through March 31, 2007. These data do not relate to the 2009 Biennium.

75 cases were reviewed for each of the following 6 month periods:

For 04/01/06-09/30/06 timely investigations were completed in 76.92% of cases reviewed. For 10/01/06-03/31/07 timely investigations were completed in 61.54% of the cases reviewed. Average for these two periods is 69.23%.

The next measurement of this item will occur during the on-site Federal Review in August of 2008 with cases in the period under review 04/01/07-08/15/08. Subsequent reviews of 75 cases will occur every 6 months after the Federal on-site review. The case review results data were finalized 04/02/08.

February 2008 data reported did not include rebuttal information.

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: On-Track

DATA RELEVANCE: Data received indicated the division met its target.

The three goals for the safety, well being, and timely permanency of children were selected because of the tie to the myriad of federal goals and targets the division tracks as well as the upcoming federal review that is scheduled for August. While the data success reflects the present goals and work of the division, please note that the 75 cases reviews were dated 2006 and 2007 in accordance with federal monitoring and review.

Any differences for the figures presented in the report for the March meeting are because the February 2008 data reported did not include rebuttal information and any related corrections submitted by the caseworker and supervisors.

COMMENTS: Along with the timeliness of investigations, the divisions in working to respond to the family and provide early intervention to address family stability. Please see 6901-03-11, the initiative for additional staff for more detailed information.

OPTIONS:

- 1 - Accept the on-track ranking and for the October meeting ask for an update to the federal review and/or budget or policy changes anticipated for the 2011 biennium
- 2- Accept the ranking and eliminate further follow-up



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